The fun of growing plants, and then showing them at the El Dorado County Fair, is the topic of a simple and engaging hands-on class being presented especially for school-age kids by the Master Gardeners. This free class will be taught Saturday, March 14th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Floriculture Building at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds.

“Grow n’ Show Your Plants at the Fair” is designed for kids ages 5 to 17 and will cover the basics of growing plants. After the budding young gardeners learn the fundamentals they’ll be encouraged to demonstrate their new skills by entering their plants in peer competition at the upcoming county fair in June.

The instructors are Master Gardener and experienced educators who will demonstrate a variety of simple propagation techniques. Free plants, soil and pots will be provided and the children will be able to take their work home to foster for the fair.

At the end of class there will be a discussion on how the kids can best prepare their plants for fair competition. Fair entry forms will be provided.

Free parking is available immediately outside the fair’s Floriculture Building. For additional information contact the MG office at 530-621-5512 or register at:

http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=14895
### 4-H Calendar of Events

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### Dear 4-H Community,

It has been an honor to get to represent you over the past three years. I have greatly enjoyed working with the volunteers, kids and 4-H office staff. I have decided to take another position within UCCE. I look forward to volunteering to lead a project next year and to seeing many of you at 4-H activities as a 4-H parent!

Thank you to the hard working volunteers, who are the most amazing people and hardest workers that I know! I am grateful for all that you do and humbled by your volunteerism for youth! Your dedication to this program makes 4-H in El Dorado County “The Best”.

4-H members, you have all been so much fun to get see at camp, Presentation Day, Home Arts Day, Round Up, project meetings, club meetings, conference, planning meetings, board meetings and FAIR. I’ve watched many of you grow, overcome challenges, empower one another and learn so much by doing. Thank you from the very bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,

Tracy

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El dorado county 4-H
I pledge my... head to clear thinking.

4-H youth host Color Me Green 5K! Includes: Race t-shirt, green color packet, run packet, parking and after race fun. Celebrate good health! Register Online at:  
http://ucanr.edu/cmg Register by March 1, 2015 to guarantee run t-shirt – We cannot guarantee t-shirts for registration day of run.

Color Me Green 5K  
March 7, 2015  
$25 to run! 
Color free, fun PRICELESS!

S.E.T. (Science Engineering & Technology) Series  
March 14 & 21st from 10 a.m.– 1 p.m. at the county 4-H office. Presented by FTC Team NOVA 4963 (Robotics)  
Must pre register to attend. Contact tbcelio@ucanr.edu or 621-5507.

Horse Round Up!  
Sunday, April 19: Round Up Horse Show—come show what you’ve learned this year!  
(can take proficiency test)

Home Arts Day April 11, 2015 at the Light of the Hills Church in Cameron Park  
Home Arts Day (HAD) is El Dorado County 4-H’s annual event highlighting non-livestock projects. The Favorite Foods event and Fashion Revue are included in the day’s activities, in addition to the arts and crafts, cake decorating, gardening, food preservation, fiber arts, woodworking and photography exhibits.  
4-H members will receive ribbons and/or medals. Primary Members (5 years to 8 years as of January 1st); will have separate divisions in each competition category and will receive participation ribbons.  
The next page will have information about this major event. More general information and the entry forms located at http://ucanr.edu/sites/EDC_4-H_Program/Home_Arts_Day  
Questions? Contact your project leader or Julie Winter, Chairperson at whwbmw@hotmail.com
Home Arts Day, Saturday April 11, 2015
Summary Information

Where: Light of the Hills Lutheran Church, 3100 Rodeo Rd in Cameron Park

Time: 8-9am (Registration), 9am (Judging), 12:30pm (Fashion Revue) & 1pm (Awards)

Coffee, Breakfast, Donuts, Snacks and Lunch will be available via the food concessions

Registration Information: What do I need to complete?

Online Registration - [http://edchomeartsday2015.eventbrite.com](http://edchomeartsday2015.eventbrite.com)

General Information and Project Category Forms – [http://ucanr.edu/sites/EDC_4-H_Program/Home_Arts_Day/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/EDC_4-H_Program/Home_Arts_Day/)

- Turned in by **April 3, 2015** (electronic (njstarr@ucanr.edu) or hard copy to 4-H office 311 Fair Lane, Placerville)
- Complete one form for each category entered
- Have Project Leader sign form unless and Open Table Setting, Consumer Science Purchased Contest or Costume Contest
- Fashion – include photo copy of pattern, sample of fabrics used, copy of a **Typed Narration of your outfit for Fashion Revue Announcers** *(this is located on entry form)*

Who do I email if I would like to help with Home Arts Day? Julie Winter, [whwbmw@hotmail.com](mailto:whwbmw@hotmail.com)

Questions about how to find information on the website. 4-H Desk 530-621-5503 or njstarr@ucanr.edu

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To Discovering Home ARTS Day

Come fill your passport with stamps from your Had adventures!
Visit projects for a demonstration or craft to learn more about each project and earn a stamp for your passport - including (Disc golf, Woodworking, Fiber Arts, Sew a Project, and more).

Watch the fabulous 4-H Fashion review!
See the latest 4-H fashions and trendsetters!

**SEE YOU ALL THERE!**
Come and join us for an fun evening with other teens. Open to all High Schoolers. Sponsored by the El Dorado Co. All Stars Ambassadors. This is their third event.

Come and enjoy the fun!

RSVP to crjachens@hotmail.com
**Help Wanted**

**Cake Auction Coordinator**

The cake auction is a 4-H tradition held at Round Up! Round Up is May 9th! Youth make desserts and sell them to raise funds for the 4-H program!

**Can you help? Contact:** (530) 621-5503

We have everything you need in the 4-H office—We need a volunteer to coordinate!

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**NOW Recruiting**

**Chuckwagon Shift Leaders**

**Teens** 9th-12th grade can earn money for 4-H conferences and camp by working in the 4-H Chuckwagon.

**Must** attend pre-fair training and commit to at least two shifts during fair.

**To apply email:** Immason1000@gmail.com or nodnoc4@gmail.com

Chuckwagon is the fair concession booth which is open every day during fair! 4-H families please see your club leader to sign up for a Chuckwagon shift!

**It’s fun—It’s Learning—It’s Hands On—It’s 4-H**

Each club must recruit an adult Chuckwagon coordinator—This is the person who will organize your clubs shift in the concession during fair!

**Questions?** Contact: Immason1000@gmail.com or nodnoc4@gmail.com

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**DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE**

- MOTHER TERESA

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El dorado county 4-H
What do the H’s mean?

The four Hs (head, heart, hands and health) represent four basic human needs: **independence, belonging, generosity and mastery**. Research indicates that youth whose basic needs are met in positive ways are likely to grow into active citizens and contributing members of their families and communities. 4-H can help you to help your child meet these needs.

**I pledge my Head to clearer thinking**
Youth need to know that they are able to influence people and events through decision making and action. By exercising independence through 4-H leadership and project opportunities, youth mature in self-discipline and responsibility and learn to understand themselves better.

**I pledge my HEART to greater loyalty**
Youth need to know they are cared about by others and feel a sense of connection and belonging to others in the group. 4-H gives youth the opportunity to feel safe physically and emotionally while actively participating in a group.

**I pledge my HANDS to larger service**
Youth need to feel their lives have meaning and purpose. By exploring 4-H community service and citizenship activities, youth can connect to communities and learn to value generosity and give back to others.

**I pledge my HEALTH to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.**
Youth need to feel and believe that they are capable of solving problems and meeting challenges to develop their self-confidence. By exploring 4-H projects and activities, youth develop a sense of mastery, gain life skills, and are more equipped to make positive career and life choices.
Swine Program Notes:

If you have any questions see your project leader.

*EAR TAGGING TO BE DONE BY LEADERS ONLY

* Forms due Wed. 4/22 by 4pm
  * Copy of Bill of Sale
  * Photo of animal

FAIR FORMS

* FORMS DUE 5/9 BY 4pm
  PLUS:
  * All of the above
  * Leaders signatures
  * Release of liability
  * Code of conduct forms (each participating adult) (Form can also be turned in with ear tag forms)

WEIGH IN

Animals will be weighed in as they are off loaded (1 weigh in only) on Tues 6/18 6-10 am and 5-9 pm

BEDDING

All bedding will be supplied by exhibitor for the duration of the fair Tuesday thru Sunday

Round Up 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on May 9, 2015 at the El Dorado County Fair. Proficiency tests given at Round Up.

HAUL IN

All animals will have a Vet. inspection before entering fairgrounds

SHOW TIMES

Market confirmation Thursday, 6/18 @ 4:30 pm
Showmanship Friday, 6/19 @ 9am followed by: Pens of 2, Club/group

There will be a $1.00 per species fee for animal insurance.
2015 El Dorado County Fair Theme:
"Hog Days of Summer" The fair entry guide is online at:
http://www.eldoradocountyfair.org/entry.html

Attention all Market Goat and Sheep exhibitors please make sure when you pick your animals up from your breeder that you also get a SCRAPIES Tag from your breeder.

All sheep and goats must have a scrapies tag (premise ID) when entering fair grounds. Mark goat and sheep must have tag in ear. Breeding stock must have tag on grounds while animals are on grounds. This includes ALL goats.

If you are breeding your own animals please make sure you have registered with the USDA and option your premise ID and order tags ASAP. file:///C:/Users/Edwards/Downloads/scrapie_fact_sheet.pdf or call 877-741-3690

Due to County Fair Office, not the 4-H office.

- Alpaca/Llama lease agreement/bill of sale March 19th.
- Cattle Ear tag form & photo, bill of sale March 6th.
- Breeding animals must be owned at least 30 consecutive days.
- Market animals must be owned at least 120 consecutive days.
- Market Goat Ear tag form & photo, bill of sale April 22nd.
- Breeding animals must be owned at least 30 consecutive days.
- Market animals must be owned at least 60 consecutive days.
- Horse Lease agreement and picture 120 days prior to fair (show).
- Rabbit Agility Entry due May 9th.
- Sheep Ear tag form & photo, bill of sale April 22nd.
- Breeding animals must be owned at least 30 consecutive days.
- Market animals must be owned at least 60 consecutive days.
- Swine Ear tag form & photo, bill of sale April 22nd.
- Must also provide office negative Brucelosis test within 30 days prior to fair.
- Market animals must be owned at least 60 consecutive days.
- Dog Must be owned 120 days prior day.

Non-Livestock Entries Wanted:
Its not JUST livestock at the county fair! Youth entries WANTED for home arts, sewing, woodworking, foods, cake decorating, table setting, gardening, flower arranging, fiber arts, plants and so much more!
Help send Meiko Durbin to Vet Science Camp

My name is Meiko Durbin and I am a tenth grader at Union Mine High School. I am in the AVID Program and currently have a 3.0 grade average. I live on a small farm and take care of my goats, chickens, dogs, hamster and bearded dragon. I have been in 4-H for the past 6 years.

I want to attend the SciTrek/Summer Vet Program because I want to become a veterinarian. I love science and math. I would like to learn more about internal medicine and watch a surgery/autopsy. It is interesting to think about how animals bodies move and how the different parts work together.

I think this program would help me learn what it takes to become a veterinarian, I could learn more about animals so I can come back home and help volunteer at my local animal shelter more often. The skills “I’ll gain at camp will help me better the lives of all animals in my community so I can continue on my pathway to become a veterinarian.

I am very excited about this summer camp will be traveling to Colorado State University for the first time ever.

Thank you in advance for your support and sponsorship in helping me get there. The tuition of the Summer camp program is $1500. Your donation contribution in any amount will help raise the funds to allow me to attend.
In honor of St. Patrick's Day, here is your easy directions for folding a 4-H clover!

1. Start with a square
2. Fold two times
3. Cut out heart shape
4. Open up and fold diagonally to create leaf creases

ROUND UP
BBQ Tri Tip
Back by popular demand

LAC is once again having Bridges BBQ rents and TriTip sandwiches at Roundup on May 9th.

Pre sale tickets are now on sale Tritip sandwiches are $12.00 and Hot dogs $5.00. Both lunches include chips and a water.

Tickets can be purchased from any Livestock Resource Leader or send a check (made out to EDC 4-H) to the 4H office and your ticket will be at will call the day of the event.

If a resource leader is a member of your club they will have them at both your March and April meetings.

Remember last year we SOLD OUT!! So get your tickets now for a great lunch and at the same time help with awards for your kids at fair!!

Tickets can also be purchased the day of the event.
The 4-H Pledge

I pledge my...

HEAD to clearer thinking,
HEART to greater loyalty,
HANDS to larger service,
HEALTH to better living,

for my club, my
community, my country and
My world.

Sign Up for E-Script & Raise funds for 4-H while you shop!

Enroll in Something Extra/extracredit:
Select **El Dorado County 4-H Council** as your organization of choice.
Once enrolled, follow these steps:
· Visit [www.raleys.com/extracredit](http://www.raleys.com/extracredit)
· Click on the green “Get Started” button
· Select **El Dorado County 4-H Council** from the menu
· Designate the percentage of scrip to donate.

Let your friends, family & alumni know about this easy way to support youth!

4-H youth are 1.9 times more likely to get better grades in school.
The Hotline is published monthly (July to June) for the El Dorado County 4-H community club program.

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State 4-H http://www.ca4h.org
National 4-H http://www.4husa.org

Hotline NEWS
Articles about 4-H or topics of general interest to families are welcome.
Deadline for next month submission is due by the 20th of each month